

August 3, 2007

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RE: New proposed State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2008 Quality Improvement Incentives

Dear Administrator:

In setting the nursing home rates for SFY 2008, an amount of \$3,406,000 (still pending CMS approval) was held in reserve for three new Quality Improvement Incentives. These three new programs are for SFY08 only and are in addition to the historical QI Incentive program. These new programs are:

1. Improve clinical information systems (hardware and software). (A.K.A. QII 2)
2. Improve HVAC system. (A.K.A. QII 3)
3. Improve resident's dining experience. (A.K.A. QII 4)

Detailed requirements for qualification under these new QI Incentive programs, along with potential payout amounts, can be had by downloading the application forms from our website. That website address is:

<http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/stplan/longtermcare.htm>

Additional information may be found in the associated Rule R414-504-4. Currently, it is a proposed Rule and is published for review in the Utah State Bulletin Vol. 2007, No. 15 as found on the Administrative Rules website. That website address is:

http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/bull_pdf/2007/b20070801.pdf

Please note that this Rule is still pending adoption and that CMS has yet to approve these new programs (via approval of the corresponding State Plan amendment). If CMS does not approve the State Plan amendment, no payments may be made under these new incentive programs.

Following are a few key items to ponder when submitting your applications for consideration:

1. Has the facility met all of the requirements of the specific incentive program?
2. Does the facility have all appropriate supporting documentation for the application?
 - a. Proof of purchase/lease as well as proof of payment?
3. **Is the supporting documentation presented in an organized, clear and concise manner?**
4. Is the application going to be received in time?
5. If the application is missing supporting documentation and the deadline of June 8, 2008 has past, then the facility will not qualify. (Please plan ahead.)

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Facilities failing to submit their completed application(s) along with all needed supporting documentation by the required date, June 8, 2008, will not be considered for the incentive payment calculation.

Facilities need not wait for the June 8, 2008 deadline to submit their **completed** applications. Rather, as soon as all required information is available the facilities may submit their applications and supporting documentation. Further, each of the incentive programs is separate, so please submit individual applications and supporting documentation as they are completed.

Should you have questions, please let me know. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope these programs will be of great value to your facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Curless". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

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